

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A water purification device that purifies water as a user drinks or sucks the water through the device, the purification device comprising:

an inlet section with primary and secondary filters for removing turbid impurities, bacteria and viruses larger than one micron wherein,

~~the inlet section also~~ secondary filter includes an iodinated media for killing impurities and a scavenger media for removing residual iodine;

a multi-stage purifying apparatus, comprising:

a first water purification section containing a second iodinated media for killing impurities;

a second water purification section containing a second scavenger media for removing residual iodine;

a third water purification section containing granular activated charcoal for enhancing smell and taste of the water; and

a fourth water purification section containing a hepatrophic media for disinfecting any backwash from the user;

and; an outlet section that dispenses the purified water to the user;

wherein a separator is provided between the inlet section and the multi-stage purifying apparatus, and a mesh separator is provided between each section of the multi-stage purifying apparatus.

2. (Original) The water purification device of claim 1 wherein, the outlet section is a canteen insert adapter that provides a water tight seal when the purification device is inserted into the neck of a canteen, the canteen insert adapter comprising a flange mouthpiece for dispensing purified water directly to the user.

3. (Original) The water purification device of claim 2 wherein, the canteen insert adapter further comprises a straw adapter for attachment of a flute straw that may be used to deliver the purified water to the user.

4. (Withdrawn) The water purification device of claim 1 wherein, the outlet section includes a flute straw mouthpiece that is in the general shape of a D, the D-shaped straw mouthpiece allowing the user to use the purification device in the same manner as a traditional straw by submerging the inlet section of the purification device in an impure water source and providing suction at the mouthpiece to purify and consume the water.

5. (Withdrawn) The water purification device of claim 1 wherein the device is used as an inline purifier in a water line, wherein:

the inlet section is arranged so that water enters only through its base surface area and the inlet section further comprises a water source inlet portion that is inserted into the water line and receives impure water; and

the outlet section is inserted into the water line portion that leads to the user's mouth and passes purified water into the water line.

6. - 10. (Canceled)